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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

This letter is to give my support to the agreement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. As I understand, there are sixty days for public comment and I would like to say that I believe this agreement is long overdue. It has done a great deal of damage to our economy and our country. It is now time to put this behind us and move forward. There are more important things to be concerned about.

Further, Microsoft has agreed to a number of demands from the Justice Department, enabling competing firms to have access both to certain software and new rights to configure systems with access to various Windows features. Microsoft has also agreed to be bound by requirements on their licensing practices. The company will have to use a uniform price list when distributing Windows to the largest twenty computer manufacturers in the nation. This is a great deal for a company to do.

Please do not pursue any further federal action against Microsoft. It is not in the best interests of the country. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Gus Sipkes